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*“The religious teacher’s duty is to lead his pupils over moral and ethical hills to the glorious heights of spirituality, where the spirit of man may receive the illumination of God’s Holy Spirit.”*—PRESIDENT DAVID O. MCKAY.

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THE PERFECT LIFE

By NEPHI JENSEN

JESUS CHRIST is the world’s only living, breathing exemplification of the perfect life. He came into a world of venerated error and hallowed hypocrisy; but His heart was never moved by fawning flattery from the heaven-sent truth He came to teach. He saw the dalliance of the gay social swirl, but was not deceived by its empty show. He saw pampered opulence, surrounded by cringing servants, and chose Himself to be the servant of servants. About Him were the shallow souls who sought for ease in idle pleasure; and He found His soul-ease beneath the burden of the world’s sorrow and woes, which He bore.

He mingled with sinful men but never partook of their vices. He saw the dazzling glory of material riches but never craved even a solitary place to lay His head. He looked at the gorgeous splendour of earthly glory; but was never blinded by its hollow grandeur. He stood erect before purpled power upon the throne, and never cringed before its imperial oppression. He visited the poor, the despised and the downtrodden and gave them the full measure of His illimitable sympathy. With a tenderness springing from His own unsullied heart He lifted the despised outcast up to honour and the beauty of purity. He visited the bed of affliction and lovingly gave health to the decrepit, strength to the weak, sight to the blind, and hearing to the deaf. He was acquainted with grief and mingled the tears wrung from His own sad soul with the tears of the soul-sick children of men. He was scoffed, but never answered with reviling. He was spat upon but never lost His gracious serenity. He was hated, and loved those who hated Him. He was cruelly put to death and blessed those who crucified Him. His perfect, victorious life led the skeptic Rousseau to say, “Socrates died like a philosopher; Jesus Christ died like a God.”

## YOUTH IS THE TIME FOR MARRIAGE

By SIR HENRY LYTTON

*We thoroughly agree with Sir Henry Lytton, who, in this delightfully written article, maintains that those who are most qualified to give sound advice on how to ensure lasting marital happiness are those who have experienced this happy state themselves. And we agree, too, with his advice. Marriage, its problems and promises, has received editorial consideration in several recent issues of the Millennium Star, in which the Latter-day Saint point of view has been outlined. We are happy for the privilege of presenting, as an addendum, this article by the eminent Savoyard.*

I AM frequently very amused to read articles on matrimonial happiness written by spinsters, bachelors in their early twenties, divorcees, and professors of psychology who would be so frightened of a real live woman that they would only stammer and yammer in her presence!

It seems to me that in these days everyone is qualified to give hints on how to make a success of marriage—except those who have actually done it. Now, if fifty years of happy marriage do not entitle a man to hand out a little good advice to those who are just setting forth in double harness, then I do not know what qualifications are necessary. Experience is surely the best guide.

The first thing is to marry young. I know that it is the fashion now to urge caution, that an assured position comes first, that poverty will kill love, that young people change their tastes so frequently that marriage before a girl is twenty-five or a man is thirty is a ghastly blunder—all these things will be told you by the spinsters and the professors of psychology.

Take no notice! Youth is the time for love, and marriage is the simple natural sequel to love. Bottle it up, keep it on ice for a few years, and when you go to quaff the drink, you find it is corked!

If you want your marriage to last a lifetime you must start young and form similar tastes and habits. By thirty a man's likes and dislikes are formed and matured—it is almost impossible to alter them. No two human beings ever matched so perfectly that there were not rough edges that needed rubbing off. Get the job over while you are still young and pliable and adaptable.

“Not very romantic!” you exclaim. I am not talking about romance—it is marriage I speak of. Romance is something thrilling and heady that burns up in a few months or even a few weeks. I am dealing with the sort of marriage that is built solidly to last a lifetime. I know what I am talking about because I was a mere boy when I married, and the early years of my wife and myself were as devoid of money as Mother Hubbard's cupboard was of bones!

Those months on short commons taught us how to endure cheerfully the pinpricks of life. When you have had to go without half your meals to find the money to pay the rent it does not seem a vitally important matter in later years if dinner is five minutes late. Yet I have known marriages to crash into ruins because a meal was served unpunctually.

Another thing you learn through marrying young is friendship. If you wait till you each have a big circle of friends, plus the money, time and inclination to go on seeing them, the chances are you will never learn friendship for each other. Marriage without friendship is almost doomed to failure.

I know young people of today talk a great deal about being "pals" when they marry. As far as I can gather, this means that they dance nicely together, they make a good mixed double at tennis, and they both adore reading detective stories! This, of course, is not friendship or anything like it. If this is friendship, then we are all bosom pals.

If a man tells me he and his wife are friends, this is how I would test it. I would say to him: "Suppose you are in a jam—a real mess. It may be business, social, financial, or anything you like, but you are worried to death and want to turn your innermost soul inside-out in a talk with a friend. Is your wife the person you would choose for your confidences?" Probably he would say: "My wife would not understand," or "my wife knows nothing of business matters," or "I would not bother my wife with such things for all the world."

If that is a man's attitude, he and his wife are not friends. A friend is someone with whom you can talk things over and to whom you can unburden your soul, with the feeling that no matter how sticky a mess you are in, you can scramble out of it because someone understands and believes in you. That is the sort of friendship which has enabled my wife and me to celebrate a golden wedding that marked fifty years of happiness.

**B**UT do not please think we spend all our time uttering endearments and exchanging caresses! That is mere honeymoon foolishness.

We had not been married very long before we had a lesson in the hollowness of over-demonstrative affection. In the same company as ourselves were a married couple who were for ever calling each other, "Dear," "Darling," "Sweetheart," and every other affectionate term you can think of. One day we arrived at a town in the Midlands in the pouring rain. It was a small town, and there were no cabs outside the station, so the loving wife said, "Darling" must go and look for one. "Darling" set off and came back ten minutes later drenched through, but without a cab. "Oh, my angel, haven't you found a cab? Oh, do go and try again, Sweetheart." So "Sweetheart" paddled off once more into the storm, and again returned cabless. Once more he was driven forth, and when he came back empty-handed there was a querulous note in his wife's voice. "Oh darling, you must really get a cab."

That was the last straw. "Blast you!" snarled "Darling." "Get one yourself!"

The trouble is that so many people forget that in matrimony "actions speak louder than words."

That is why I call mine a "Boy Scout" marriage. For many years I have made it a rule to try to do my wife one good turn every day. It is often suggested that a husband should keep alive the romance of courting days by sometimes bringing home unexpected gifts—a bunch of flowers, a box of chocolates, and so on.

That is a very good plan, but in the early years of matrimony there often is not enough money to spare for it.

But no matter how poor a married couple may be, they can still do each other that daily "good turn." One day the husband may make an early cup of tea and bring it to his wife in bed. Another day he may light the fire for her. Another day he can wash up the supper dishes while she reads the papers.

There are just two little warnings I want to give, however. First, the act must be something "extra," something a little beyond the ordinary daily routine. Secondly, don't do something nice and then spoil it by announcing: "That's my good deed for the day!" It sounds as though you were mentally adding "Thank goodness that's over!"

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### WHAT MORMONISM MEANS

**M**ORMONISM stands for the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this dispensation; but that is not all. It stands for the Gospel itself in all the dispensations, as those periods are termed during which God has spoken to man and dispensed from heaven these saving principles and powers. This is but one of a number of such periods, reaching from the days of Adam down to the present time. The Gospel preached by the ancient Twelve was a restored Gospel, just as it is today. It had been upon earth before the age of the Apostles. "Christianity," or the faith of the once despised "Christians," is now Mormonism, the religion of the unpopular Mormons. What matter the names bestowed upon it by men? Truth is not to be disposed of by pelting it with epithets. The character of a jewel is not changed by covering it with rubbish and dirt. A diamond is a diamond, whether it sparkle in the dust at your feet, or glitter in the diadem of a queen.

Mormonism is not a product of the nineteenth century. Joseph Smith did not originate it, nor did any other man. What is called Mormonism is the Everlasting Gospel, the religion of all the ages, God's great plan for the salvation of the human family; and not only the salvation, but the exaltation of all who will obey it in fulness.

The Gospel has a threefold power; it redeems, saves, and glorifies. Redemption is resurrection, but that is not all-sufficient; it is not enough that man be brought forth from the grave. All men, good and bad, will be resurrected; but resurrection is not salvation, any more than salvation is exaltation. Many redeemed from the grave will be condemned at the final judgment, for evil deeds done in the body; and many will be saved, yet come short of the glory that constitutes exaltation.

The Gospel enables fallen man to lay hold upon eternal life, God's greatest gift, a gift offered by the Divine Giver again and again, in a series of dispensations of which this is the greatest and the last. The "winding up scene," the final act of the play—such is the Dispensation of the Fulness of Times, wherein will be brought to a glorious consummation the whole of God's mighty work pertaining to this planet; a work begun at the very dawn of creation, and continued down to this day.—ORSON F. WHITNEY.

## AUXILIARY GUIDE FOR APRIL

### PRIESTHOOD

*First Night.* *Branch Supervision*, Chapter VIII.

*Second Night.* *Studies in Priesthood*, Chapter IX, "Priesthood Activity." Under the paragraph "Aim," on page 49, answer this question: What are the "spirit" and "power" of the Priesthood?

*Third Night.* *Branch Supervision*, Chapter IX.

*Fourth Night.* *Studies in Priesthood*, Chapter X, "Priesthood Service." Special discussions on "The First Duty" and "Useful Information," pages 50 and 52 respectively are suggested.

As special activity for April, the month in which the Church was organized and the Priesthood first restored, it is recommended that a speaker be assigned to deliver an eight or ten-minute talk each evening. Subjects may be suggested by the branch president. Speakers should welcome kindly criticisms on their delivery from the group. Speaking is an art and therefore may be developed by all. Good meetings depend largely on good speaking. There are other factors to be sure. These we will discuss later. Meanwhile, let every member of the Priesthood busy himself with careful study of the "art of holding meetings."—G. HOMER DURHAM.

### RELIEF SOCIETY

*First Week.* Opening exercises. Preliminary programme. A talk: Some personal experience showing that some trial has proved to be a spiritual blessing. Theology and Testimony. *Gems of Truth*: Every member of the Relief Society should have a copy of the two lessons on *Gems of Truth* to keep near at hand and read again and again for her upbuilding and comfort. Objective: To strengthen our faith that God is our Father and loves and guides us even through trial and adversity, if we are struggling to serve Him.

*Second Week.* Opening exercises. Preliminary programme. A talk: Speak of some one thing that your government is doing to help the under-privileged. Work and Business. Lesson text: *Teacher Topic*, "Jane Addams and Settlement Work." Objective: To show what a wonderful response occurs when the under-privileged are given opportunities.

*Third Week.* Opening exercises. Preliminary programme. A talk: What kind of a play do you think is a good play? Lesson text: Life and Literature, "Today's Drama." Objective: To give some understanding of the history of drama, and materials with which it deals, and the purpose it serves.

*Fourth Week.* Opening exercises. Preliminary programme. A talk: Experience showing how some serious trouble has come from neglect of the teeth. Lesson text: Social Service: *Health Habits*. Objective: To teach us how to raise our standard of health through our daily habits.

### GENEALOGICAL DEPARTMENT

ONE of the most important repositories of records for genealogical purposes is the library. In every library are to be found directories describing parish churches and records, places, distances, and historical notes of the counties. There are often lists of wills, marriage licences,

and other official works. Place histories are always available, and sometimes printed parish registers. Frequently books on Origin of Surnames and How to Trace a Pedigree are to be found. All these things have interest for the genealogist.

It is therefore suggested that a special project be undertaken by the Genealogical section some week of this month when there is no class. The members should assemble at some designated place and visit a library in a body. Such words as these should be looked up in the index: "Wills," "Marriages," "Licences," "Poll Book," "Origin," "Surname," "Pedigrees," and place names. Under the name of the county and of the town are to be found "Histories," "Registers of the Parish Church," and other titles which might yield genealogical information as recognized by the title itself. Assignments could be made to the students so that they will copy out all references and titles which seem to be useful. These references should be preserved in the records of the Genealogical section.

This project is suggested by Brother John F. Cook, genealogical supervisor of the Norwich district. Further suggestions will be made each month and supervisors are urged to send in their own ideas for class projects.

**LESSON WORK. Second Week.** Lesson 7, "The Pedigree Chart." *Laboratory Period*—"Pedigree Chart Exercise." Number 2 grade Pedigree Charts can be purchased from the Mission Bookstore for 3 for one penny, or 2s. 6d. per 100. Each person should have a blank chart to work on. Ordinary inexpensive white paper will do for an improvised chart if necessary.

*Fourth Week.* Lesson 8, "The One Family Group Record." *Laboratory Period*—"One Family Group Sheet Exercise." Number 2 grade One Family Group Record sheets can be procured from the Mission Bookstore at the same price as the Pedigree Charts above. Each person should have two blank forms. It is rather difficult to prepare ordinary white sheets for this particular form; the printed sheets are best. Save these two sheets for further use next time.—CONWAY A. ASHTON.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### SACRAMENT GEM FOR APRIL

IN memory of the broken flesh,  
We eat the broken bread;  
And witness with a cup, afresh,  
Our faith in Christ, our Head.

#### GOSPEL DOCTRINE CLASS—Suggestions:

*April 7th.* Assign in advance to members of the class the four topics of the lesson. If a blackboard is convenient, place on it points developed in each topic. For example:

Topic 2—The Doctrine of Christ (The Golden Rule).

- (a) The security and progress of the world rests upon this rule.
- (b) To stultify the growth of the individual is bad for him and for civilization.
- (c) The purpose of the Gospel is to exalt man.
- (d) It leads him to think and to act.

*April 14th.* Make previous assignments of the topics given below. Some suggestions under each are given here. See *The Instructor* for a more extended outline. I—Answer to Violence: What is the best answer you have ever given to violence? II—The Second Mile: What do you think of the statement, "If a man must go one mile the only spirit that will save his soul from bitterness is a willingness to go two"? III—Old Age: Give some examples of elderly people who have a happy attitude toward

age. IV—Work: Show that a man should, out of his work, (1) get a living, (2) realize joy, and (3) make a contribution to society.

*April 21st.* Make assignment of the five topics found in the lesson. What are taxes paid for? Should a bachelor be taxed for the support of schools? Why is one's earthly happiness vitally affected by his understanding of death? Read "O, My Father," and point the meaning of each verse. Further suggestions are contained in *The Instructor*.

*April 28th.* Open Sunday.

GOSPEL MESSAGES—Lesson Objectives:

*April 7th.* To show that Mormonism teaches that the human individual is valuable, dignified, and immortal.

*April 14th.* To show that we can better overcome and thereby gain our salvation in this world and in the next by developing a strong, active, and vigorous body.

*April 21st.* To show the purpose of Religion in behaviour is to set up standards and to furnish motive-power.

*April 28th.* Open Sunday.

*The Instructor* contains a complete teacher's outline for each lesson and gives valuable helps and suggestions for presenting it. Every teacher of this class should have the benefit of those aids.

NEW TESTAMENT—Lesson Objectives:

*April 7th.* To teach that God's house should be held in reverence and kept holy; and that the temple of the body must be kept clean if it is to harbour the spirit of God.

*April 14th.* To show that testimony of the divinity of Christ's mission and the Father's approval are obtained by those who worship in spirit and truth.

*April 21st.* Obtaining the advantage of worth-while teaching is often lost to us because we fail to recognize in one of our intimates one who has the knowledge and power to teach us.

*April 28th.* Open Sunday. If you are up to date you may use this time to discuss questions or incidents in that portion of the life of the Saviour which have necessarily been passed over because of lack of enough Sundays in the year to consider all of the interesting details of the Master's life.

*The Instructor* contains much supplementary material and a teacher's outline for each Lesson. Every teacher should have access to it.

CHURCH HISTORY—Lesson Objectives:

*April 7th.* Application: Compare the trials of the Pioneers to ours and discuss with the students whether or not they proved that they were more faithful to a cause than we are.

*April 14th.* To show that God leads His people. Application: In what manner does the remarkable successes of the faithful Pioneers inspire you to do bigger and better things, struggling a little harder when the trail seems most difficult? Do you see anything in this lesson that leads you to believe that this Church is God's Church? Discuss.

*April 21st.* The Lord directed the Pioneers not only in moving to the west but also in building up the west. Application: The qualities of hard work and reverence as well as obedience made the early Pioneers worthy founders of a great community; those who follow their beliefs today should be able to live by these same principles.

*April 28th.* The religious zeal which sustained Brigham Young and the members of the first Pioneer company sustained all later companies and will sustain us if we will be faithful and worthy. Application: A burning testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel will make the greatest difficulty and hardship worth enduring.

*The Instructor* contains a teacher's outline and interesting lesson-developing material for each class. It makes teaching so much better and easier.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1935

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EDITORIAL

THE RELIGIOUS BEWILDERMENT OF THE TIMES

IN the forum columns of the public Press there is indisputable evidence of a characteristic of the times—bewilderment. This is true not only with respect to social, economic and political affairs, but with respect to religion also. Confusion relative to great questions in the religious realm was made plainly manifest in the many printed letters in the discussion occasioned by the published account of what Sir Ambrose Fleming said in his address before the Philosophical Society of Great Britain, to which we recently referred in this column. One correspondent wrote the interesting statement that this age is not, as supposed, irreligious, for “in fifty years’ medical experience I have not found amongst patients and other friends such deep-seated search for guidance as at present.”

Yet where shall men turn for adequate religious guidance and leadership? Certainly not to many thousands of men who occupy church pulpits, for their sermons and other public utterances give manifest proof of their unfitness for the task. They lack deep-seated convictions on the very fundamentals of true theology—the existence and personality of God, the resurrection and divinity of Jesus Christ, the purpose of human life, man’s relationship to his Creator, etc. How can they give safe guidance when they are uncertain of the way? How can they inspire others with a religious zeal when they themselves do not possess it? How lead when they are in the dark? How develop faith in others when they are lacking faith? Questions such as these could easily be multiplied indefinitely.

Is it true that people in increasing numbers are looking for an inspired religious leadership, a leadership that is adequate by reason of its capacity, knowledge, vision and certitude? Let us hope so. If they continue their search they will find this leadership, for it is here. It is characterized by a love of humanity, by an absolute faith in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of mankind, and by a certainty of the way to the kingdom of God. This leadership is unflinching and is safe. Yet at the moment it is unrecognized, except by a comparatively few followers, and they constitute an unpopular body of religious worshippers.

The situation is not unlike it was among the Jews when Jesus was known by them only as the carpenter’s son, untaught by their professors of law. His credentials, they professed to believe, were wholly unsatisfactory. Hence they gave Him but



scanty audience and cared not even a little for His teachings. They rejected Him and turned to their rabbis for spiritual enlightenment. But these were wedded to lifeless formulas and wholly lacked the warmth of spiritual fellowship with God and their fellow Jews. They were a set of cold, proud pretenders, learned in the letter of the law, but wholly devoid of its life-giving spirit. However, they fooled the people, giving them husks instead of bread.

So it is today in large measure. There are of course among the Christian ministry some sincere, devoted men who do their best to feed the people with real spiritual food. And they will be divinely rewarded for the good they do. Yet, sincere though some of them unquestionably are, they nevertheless lack an essential quality of safe leadership—full knowledge and understanding of the way. They see as through a glass darkly. In their hazy understanding nothing is clear cut and distinct. Further, they lack the element of power, always characteristic of the divinely recognized ministry of God's anointed—those who hold the Holy Priesthood. So God's recognized authority exists in only one church, and that is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. And it is to this Church that we invite those to turn who are seeking divinely inspired leadership.

In this Church they will find the same doctrines as taught by Jesus and His apostles nineteen hundred years ago. Herein they will find that the same fruits now characterize obedience to these teachings as then. They will always find that the spirit of revelation is enjoyed now as then, due to which multitudes of members have received individual testimonies. On careful investigation they will find, in short, that Mormonism, so-called, is nothing more nor less than the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its fullness, divinely restored to earth in modern times through the instrumentality of the Prophet Joseph Smith. This is our message to the world. Will not all our readers become active in spreading this message? To this end may the Lord lead them through their worthy efforts to those who are looking for a divinely inspired religious leadership.—JOSEPH F. MERRILL.

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## DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES

**T**HE Free State district conference will be held in the Dublin branch rooms, 8 Merrion Row, Dublin, on March 31st. President Joseph J. Cannon will be the principal speaker.

The Liverpool district conference date has been changed from June 16th to June 30th. Meetings will be held in the Burnley branch hall at Rosegrove.

Owing to the mission-wide youth conference scheduled for June 8th, 9th and 10th at Kidderminster, the Manchester district conference has been postponed from June 9th to June 23rd.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

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## PRIMARY—Lesson Objectives :

*April 7th.* Our Heavenly Father helps His erring children when they turn to Him. (There is a supplementary story for this lesson in *The Instructor*.)

*April 14th.* God hears and answers a sincere, earnest prayer. Application: In this life we have many needs. To whom do you go for clothes, food, etc.? Have you ever had a special need for which you have asked the help of God? (Tell of the Prophet Joseph Smith's prayer and the answer to it. Quote, "If any of you lack wisdom," etc.)

*April 21st.* Because of the Lord's goodness to me, I should be liberal to Him and His Work. Application: Name some words which would tell of such a man as Jacob. (Unselfish, grateful, blessed, etc.) The Lord loves people who can be called unselfish, etc. What can you do to deserve such words said of you?

*April 28th.* Review. The lessons for this month all have the objective of showing the great love of God for His children. In return we owe unto God thanks and actions which will express our gratitude for them. This is the season of the year when the reassurance of God's goodness is evidenced in nature. After a long winter the world is once more coming to life and beauty again. It offers us so many opportunities for awakening in the hearts of little children the idea of our dependence upon God. Let us keep this in mind while reviewing the stories of the month.

*The Instructor* gives a list of pictures for each lesson which you may be able to secure. There is likewise an outline for each lesson and other teacher's help. See if you can obtain a copy for February; it has April material in it.

## KINDERGARTEN—Lesson Objectives :

*April 7th.* Children's Period. Review the stories of Jesus' baptism and of John the Baptist sent by God. Ask who can tell one thing which Jesus would not do when Satan tempted him. How did our Heavenly Father reward Jesus for His courage and strength to do right?

For a tiny boy or girl to tie one's shoe laces or to put on one's rubbers is hard to do. To save one's pennies instead of spending them for sweets is also hard. Our mothers and fathers are our leaders. They will lead us in doing things which please our Heavenly Father. Let us always choose to follow such leaders.

*April 14th.* All who live and believe in Christ have joy in the thought of life after death. Rest exercise: Have some of the children represent baby seeds asleep under the earth. Others may be the spring wind, the gentle raindrops and the warm sunshine, tripping lightly over the garden to waken the little seeds from their slumbers.

*April 21st.* Objective the same as above. Beans kept in a warm room in cotton always moist will sprout in a week or so. Prepared sufficiently in advance, this makes an excellent illustration when the sprouting beans are compared with beans which have not sprouted.

*April 28th.* Same Objective. *The Instructor* contains a beautiful little story about the Lark and the Caterpillar.

**SUPERINTENDENTS:** The Superintendent of the Southwest London Branch Sunday School has made it a practice to copy the material from *The Instructor* so that each teacher could have the suggestions it offers for the particular classes in the school. Under this arrangement, one subscription to the magazine will supply a whole school. Cannot there be more *Instructors* in use throughout the mission?—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD,

## MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

## SUNDAY EVENING JOINT PROGRAMME FOR APRIL

*Opening Hymn*: "Do What is Right," p. 185.

*Invocation*.

*Hymn*: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," p. 200.

*Talk by a Gleaner*: "The Ideals of Scouting and Mormonism compared."

*Talk by an M Man*: "What Can I Do To Bring World Peace?"

*Music*: Instrumental number.

*Talk by an Adult*: "Jesus—His Perfect Humanity Was Hardly Less Divine Than His Divinity."

*Hymn*: "Before Thee, Lord," p. 272.

*Benediction*.

## EXECUTIVES—PROJECTS FOR APRIL

1. At your next officers' meeting discuss: What can we do to make our Mutual more enjoyable and attractive? (If possible discuss this question at a special meeting.)

2. A branch or district social offers a method of financing a representative or a group from your branch to Kidderminster. How would a one-act play, a fish and chip supper, or a dancing party go as a means of getting your ladies chorus or speech representative to the June conference?

3. Make the preliminary programme pay dividends. Try short talks on personality development, personal hygiene, etiquette, etc., in addition to the Slogan talks. How would a short debate go?

## DEPARTMENTAL WORK

**SCOUTING**: The "Scouters' round-table" will be the attraction at Kidderminster conference for Scoutmasters, assistant Scoutmasters, and Scouts able to attend. Problems concerning summer encampments, test-passing, discipline, summer programmes, organization, registration, etc., will be discussed.

This is your chance to get suggestions and give suggestions that will make our troops the finest in each Scout district. It will also offer an opportunity for someone in every branch to learn how to organize and register a troop of Scouts. Are you the man to represent your Mutual at the "round-table" and to start a troop in your branch?

Scoutmasters, do your "Good Turn" by giving others the benefit of your experience.

Three days of Scouting activities for British Mission Scouters with discussions, demonstrations, and instructions, will make better troops in the various branches. Plan to be present, meet your fellow Scouters, and solve each other's problems.

You will be interested in next week's "Scouting Issue" of the *Millennial Star*.—LEWIS H. TARR.

**BEE-HIVE DEPARTMENT**: Saturday, June 8th, during the Mission M.I.A. Conference at Kidderminster, there is to be a Scrapbook exhibition. Are you all working on yours? If not, let us get busy on them right away so that you, along with others, can send your efforts to me not later than May 20th, to be judged and exhibited.

The Honeycomb is designed to simplify the work for all concerned. As you will have a lot to record during your three years of Bee-Hive work, write as concisely as possible. More than one thing may be recorded on a page.

Bee-Keepers, the best way to inspire your girls with the desire to keep a Honeycomb is to prepare one yourself. It will be a most treasured and invaluable possession. Remember—May 20th, Honeycombs in!—ROSE B. BAILEY.

**GLEANERS:** A feature of the M. I. A. Mission Honour Day at the Kidderminster conference will be a "Treasures of Truth" exhibition. The several divisions should be fairly well covered by now, and your books well on the way to completion. Please work as hard as possible to have them ready to send to me by the end of May to judge. The twenty best will be exhibited. This is a good opportunity to give others an insight into Gleaner work and what we are accomplishing.—ELISE MACE.

**M MEN:** Suggestions have come to this office which seem to indicate that a cup, plaque or shield is preferable as a trophy to a Gold and Green banner. What does your M Men club think? We would like very much to hear from you. A copy of your M Men constitution must be submitted to the Mission office in order to get points for organization. This detail will give your club a start of 1,000 toward the accumulation of points. (Check Achievement Contest bulletin for instructions.)

#### MISSION-WIDE M. I. A. CONTESTS—June Conference.

On Saturday, June 8th, Mission winners will be determined in the following events, climaxing preliminary contests in the same branch and district Honour Days:

1. M Men Public Speaking
2. Ladies' Chorus (minimum, 6 voices)

#### RULES:

Speeches are not to exceed 8 minutes. Subject: The 1934-35 Slogan, "By My Actions I Will Prove My Allegiance to the Church."

The Ladies' Choruses are to sing two numbers: (a) "Carry On"; (b) A number of their own choosing.

Standards of adjudication are found on page 18 of the M. I. A. Supplement (Chapter IV).

One speaker and one chorus in each event are to represent each district at the mission finals. Entrants are to be qualified and selected under the direction of the Y. M. and Y. W. M. I. A. district supervisors, through the branch and district Honour Days. M. I. A. district supervisors are not eligible to compete in the district contests.—CATHERINE L. M. HORNER.

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## PRIMARY ASSOCIATION

"AND the Spirit shall be given unto you by the power of faith, and if ye receive not the Spirit, ye shall not teach." (Doctrine and Covenants 42: 14.)

To be a teacher is one of God's most choice gifts. To teach children in the Spring is another. Combining those gifts, can you fail to establish in the hearts of the children the truth of the resurrection?

When the weather permits take the children out doors and with them discover the awakening of nature. Use that as one means of enriching your lesson. Make your stories alive, as you tell them in your own words, with the visual aids at your command: pictures, songs, cut-outs, dramatizations, etc. In all your activities help the children to realize the joy and goodness of this life that is theirs.

It is hoped that the classes of the Spring quarter will be made as delightful as possible to both the children and the teacher, because of the thoughtful, prayerful preparation. At the end of each lesson you may well ask yourself—"What have these children said or done that I may think that they have received my message?"—BRITISH MISSION PRIMARY BOARD—ELIZABETH CORNWALL.

## HULL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

THE Hull district conference convened in the Hull chapel on Sunday, March 10th, under the direction of President Joseph J. Cannon who, with Sister Ramona W. Cannon, came from London for the meetings.

The morning session commenced with testimonies given by Brothers L. Dannatt and John T. Whitfield, and Sister E. Whotton. Following the sustaining of the Church authorities, District President Joseph Walker, Supervising Elder Kenneth Cropper, Elders James J. Kirby and Theodore K. Lowther, and President Cannon, made brief remarks. The Hull branch scouts also contributed an item to the programme.

Special Priesthood and Relief Society meetings were held immediately after the morning session. President Cannon and Sister Cannon were in charge.

In the afternoon session, Elder Conway A. Ashton, mission superintendent of Sunday Schools, with the assistance of members of the organization, portrayed their work to an appreciative audience.

Stressing the historical side of the Relief Society Sister Ramona W. Cannon, president of the Relief Societies, delivered the address that commenced the Relief Society part of the programme. Sisters Cavanaugh, Garnett, Bryant, Ransom and Storry, in short talks, told of the benefits they have derived from membership in the Society. In her closing remarks, Sister Cannon paid tribute to Sister Northgreaves of the Gainsborough branch, who is in her jubilee year as a Relief Society president. The session was concluded by President

Cannon, who urged the establishment of family Sunday Schools where conditions were such that children could not attend the branch services regularly. This session was followed by Sunday School and Relief Society officers' and teachers' meetings.

One hundred and sixty saints and friends attended the evening session of the conference. Elder Alma M. Porter was the first speaker. He was followed by Sister Cannon, whose subject was "The Eternity of Thought." Brother R. H. Summers, of the Hull branch, urged the saints to have vision, and testified that the Gospel of Jesus Christ solves the great moral and religious problems that confront mankind.

Elder G. Homer Durham pointed out the adaptability of the Gospel and its genius to deal with the current problems in a changing world.

President Cannon was the concluding speaker. The message of Mormonism, he said, was one of peace to all men and all nations. He recounted the blessings that come to mankind through the atonement of Christ, and declared his faith in the teaching of the Church that a literal resurrection after death is the heritage of all mankind.

Sisters G. Walker and M. Barrett were the organists during the services of the day.

In addition to those herein mentioned, the following district officers were in attendance: Elders A. E. Ransom and W. Yull of the district presidency; and Travelling Elders Edwin A. Lyman, Ray L. Richards, Clarence B. Cannon, and G. Eldon Noble.

WALTER YULL

Clerk of Conference

## FROM THE MISSION FIELD

**Transfers**—Elder Grant Kirkham was transferred from the Hull district to the Welsh district on March 6th.

Elder Wendell J. Ashton was transferred from the Liverpool district to the British headquarters on March 13th.

Elder Ray L. Richards was transferred from the Hull district to the Liverpool district on March 13th.

Elder Keith L. Freeman was transferred from the London district to the Welsh district on March 18th.

Elder Keith Macfarlane was trans-

ferred from the Manchester district to the London district on March 18th.

**Doings in the Districts: London—**

President Lindsay and Sister Mildred Poole, district Primary supervisor and member of the mission Primary board, were the principal speakers at the Letchworth branch Primary conference February 3rd. The entire membership of the Primary also participated on the programme portraying, under the direction of Sister C. A. Simmonds, the events leading up to the founding of the Primary Association.

**Birmingham—**Outstanding among M.I.A. activities during February, in point of interest, was drama. Nearly every branch organization was training a cast of players to compete for the district Drama Achievement Award, arranged by Elder E. C. Harnsen. The first to present a finished production was the Handsworth branch. Following the district union meeting on February 23rd, a cast which included Norman Dunn, Frank Bailey, Dora Green, Beatrice Horner, W. T. Horner, Melvin Dum, Margaret Dum, Ronald Joseph, John M. Joseph, Violet Grundy and Arthur Makin, produced one of the two contest plays, "The Rescue," which dramatizes the hardships of Pioneer days. The play was directed by Elder Harnsen. A programme of readings and songs by Sisters Winifred Makin and Gwendoline Jevons followed.

Church activities, personality, health, and popularity—these were the points of judgment in a novel contest sponsored recently in the Birmingham district, to select the "All-round Mormon Girl." The honour and award, a handsome necklace of culture-pearls, went to Sister Joyce Gittins of Kidderminster. A near winner was Sister Beatrice S. Horner of the Handsworth branch.

This unique contest was planned by the district M.I.A. organization, and a similar contest is now under way to choose the "All-round Mormon Boy," who, with Sister Gittins, will preside over all district M. I. A. functions.

**Manchester—**Primary conference was held in the Rochdale branch meeting hall on Sunday, February 24th, under the direction of Sister C. May Pullan and Violet Clough. The Primary children presented a very fine programme, consisting of a short play, and numerous songs and recitations. President William Gregson, and District Primary Supervisor Sarah Allsop were the speakers.

Cottage meetings were held in the home of Brother Herbert Woodhead on Thursday evening, February 21st, and on February 28th. Many investigators and friends are attending these cottage meetings regularly each week, and are enjoying the message of the restored Gospel which is being preached to them by President George E. Dale, Elders Melvin M. Richards, and Elbert H. Startup.

Several branch members and friends spent a very enjoyable evening at a party in the home of Sister S. E. Pullan on Saturday, February 16th. Many delightful games were played. The outstanding entertainers for the evening were Brothers George E. Dale and Frank Kelsh, who presented several little farcical skits.

District monthly union meeting was held in the Manchester branch chapel on Saturday evening, February 23rd, under the direction of President William Gregson. The programme given following union meeting was by the Hyde branch.

Culinary skill was at a premium at the "Shrove Tuesday" social of the Oldham branch M. I. A. organizations, which followed the regular M. I. A. meeting. Each guest was required to cook his own pan-cake, as part of the celebration, and those who were successful in flipping theirs from top to bottom side without the use of an auxiliary instrument, and without breaking the cake or splattering the batter were awarded prizes. The evening, commenced in such an amusing fashion, was concluded with a round of merry games. Brother Richard H. Pearce was in charge of the affair.

Under the direction of Brother John Craig the Manchester branch

M. I. A. sponsored a concert and programme in the Manchester branch chapel on Saturday evening, March 2nd. The programme consisted of a two-act play produced by the Gleaner Girls, and several entertaining skits by various members of the M Men and Gleaner Girl organizations. Vocal solos were rendered by Elders J. S. Astin, and K. M. Macfarlane, and a saxophone solo by Elder E. H. Startup. After the programme, the latter part of the evening was spent in dancing. A large crowd was in attendance.

On Sunday evening, March 10th, primary conference was held in the Manchester branch, under the direction of Sister Margaret Wiles, Primary superintendent. Two short plays were presented by the children, after which Sister Sarah Allsop, district Primary supervisor, and President William Gregson, were the speakers. During the past month Primary conferences have been held in all branches of the district, and have proved to be effective proselyting means, for many new friends and investigators have been attracted to these meetings because their children were active in Primary work.

On March 2nd, a group of members and friends of Rochdale branch enjoyed a ramble to the new Water Grove reservoir, which is acclaimed one of the largest in England. The ramble was under the direction of Brother Clarence Pullan, who conducted the tour through the huge project and explained the details of its construction. At 7 p.m. the party returned to the home of Brother Pullan where games were played and refreshments served.

A cottage meeting was held in the home of Brother Herbert Woodhead on Thursday evening, March 7th, under the direction of Elder Melvin M. Richards. Other speakers were Sisters J. T. Barwick, J. Woodhead, C. M. Pullan, and Brother J. T. Barwick. The main theme which was discussed during the meeting was: "The Meaning of Prayer, and Its Influence On Daily Life."

A "Pancake Day" social was

held in the Rochdale branch meeting rooms on Tuesday, March 5th, under the direction of Branch president George E. Dale. Guests played many games during the early part of the evening, after which pancakes were served to all present.

**Nottingham**—The branch room at Derby was crowded to capacity for the Primary conference on February 24th. The Primary children, under the direction of Sisters Sarah Sworder, Emma Bradley, and Geraldine Orme, furnished most of the programme, presenting, among other items, a tableau, the "Spirit of Primary." Speakers included Sisters Annie Wild of Eastwood, and Sister Charlotte Orme, and Elder Joseph Stout, as well as the aboved named Primary officers.

The building fund was the beneficiary, as of course were also the guests of a social evening conducted in the Mansfield branch on January 26th. A sketch entitled "Larks for an Hour," was the feature of the programme, which was under the direction of Elder W. A. Berry.

Sister Elizabeth Bradley entertained her fellow Relief Society workers at a party in her home on February 28th. The occasion was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Derby branch Relief Society, her twenty-fifth year as its president, and also the 78th anniversary of her birth.

**Leeds**—The Clayton branch held their first Primary conference on Sunday, February 24th, and were very pleased with its success. Of the sixty-two people who came to the service, twenty-six were Primary children and twenty-five were parents and friends of the children, not members of the Church. The programme was furnished largely by the children themselves, under the direction of the Primary leaders.

The Clayton branch Relief Society sponsored an entertainment in the branch rooms on February 26th. Games, dancing and concert items, together with a sketch entitled "Uncle Joseph," comprised the programme. The refreshments

for the evening were furnished by the Society members.

The Y.M.M.I.A. and Y.W.M.I.A. organizations of the Clayton branch staged a musical festival on March 3rd at the branch rooms. The programme of excellent music featured Mr. Kenneth Priestley, pianoist; Brother George Fernley, violinist; and Sister Dolly Walworth, vocal soloist.

*Portsmouth*—The first social held by the newly organized Relief Society of the Brighton branch was held Tuesday, March 5th. It was under the direction of Sisters Nellie and Doris Hannah, president and first counsellor. Tea was served to those members of the branch attending. The proceeds will go to the Relief Society Fund.

## CHOOSING HOUR

**T**HERE is an hour somewhere among the years  
When each one in the pathway halts, and hears  
Two voices, deep within himself apart,  
Asking the adoration of his heart.

One offers him the kingdoms of the earth,  
With all the golden glory of their worth;  
One offers him that more than golden goal—  
The opportunity to build a soul.

Some who have heeded the first specious call  
Have had its promise kept, and that was all.  
Some, who the other, sterner way have tried,  
Have built a soul, and had the world beside.

But he who runs must make his reckoning,  
His heart must one day surely choose its king.  
The one he worships in his honesty,  
That one will surely shape his destiny.

CLARENCE EDWIN FLYNN

## DEATH

*BREWIN*—Sister Annie Brewin, of the Gainsborough branch, the daughter of Sister Maggie Dunstan, died at the Doncaster maternity home on February 9th, following a brief illness. Funeral services were

held at the Gainsborough New Cemetery on February 13th under the direction of Elder Theodore K. Lowther. Elder Edwin A. Lyman offered the dedicatory prayer at the graveside.

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